

Dear Friend,

My name is Dr. Michio Kaku. I am a professor of Nuclear Physics at City College of New York. I graduated from Harvard, and have taught at both Princeton and Berkeley.

For the last ten years, I have been heavily recruited by the Defense Department, and have been offered lucrative financial rewards to join the research departments of many private military contractors.

It was easy for me to say no to them and retreat into academia. I had a special reason. A large part of my family was killed in Hiroshima -- a family rooted for some 700 years, erased in a mere microsecond.

So in hopes of making a personal contribution to peace, I devoted my personal energy to teaching college students. I hoped it would be enough.

But President Reagan's re-election has changed all this. The nuclear freeze movement which I wholeheartedly support will tragically not be able to challenge this administration.

And there is no hope -- as of yet -- for a student movement like the 1960's to educate and morally redirect this nation. I teach them, and public opinion polls confirmed my most private fears -- close to 70% voted for Reagan.

As a result, I have helped to develop a project, the Campaign Against First Strike Weapons, sponsored by The Disarm Education Fund. Will you please take a moment to examine this important project, and to consider if your participation can help make a difference?

Initially, our Campaign will immediately challenge in Court the President's right to First Strike. The Constitution clearly states that only Congress has the power to declare war. Yet a First Strike is a surprise attack -- conducted in secrecy -- violating the delicate checks and balances so carefully built into our Constitution.

Heading our legal team is Ramsey Clark. A former Attorney General of the United States, who better can direct our case through the maze of federal litigation?

How important is this landmark lawsuit? A victory in Court would force President Reagan

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New York Times

NUCLEAR FIRST USE IS REVIVED AS ISSUE

Presidents Are Urged to Seek Consent of Proposed New Panel in the Congress

By CHARLES MOHR
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 — A policy analyst recommended this week that Presidents be required to obtain the consent of a Congressional committee before ordering first use of nuclear weapons. The Pentagon responded that Presidents should have the exclusive right to order first use of the arms.

The question has come to increasing attention as some people have argued for a policy of "no first use" and others for one of "no early first use."

The Government clings to the view that possible first use should be retained to stave off a conventional attack in Europe or in the Korean peninsula

to cease First Strike options -- and would stop the development of these insidious weapons.

Because public awareness of First Strike is so low, the Campaign Against First Strike Weapons has developed a multi-media program designed to reach not thousands -- but millions of individuals at home, where they live and hopefully, value what they now have.

This means television. As a teacher, I grieve at the thought of promoting television. But with our future, our children's future at stake -- we've got to use what for so long has been exclusively the instrument of the opposition.

And we'll be on radio. This winter stations all over the country will be broadcasting a debate Disarm organized featuring: Top-ranking senior officials from the Pentagon, Dan Ellsberg, Ramsey Clark, Studs Terkel, Petra Kelly, Herb Scoville, and myself. From these major events Disarm will edit educational tapes to be made available to schools and universities all over the country.

Disarm's Campaign Against First Strike Weapons is also developing leaflets, brochures, and other educational literature for distribution among local peace, civic, and church groups -- already excited by Disarm's program.

And in motion for early Spring is a Congressional Forum where Members of Congress have invited Disarm to prepare for a special hearing a panel of leading scientists and former government officials to testify about the specific dangers of First Strike weapons. In addition, Disarm is working with Members of Congress to sponsor a bill which will totally withdraw funding for First Strike weaponry.

But to make this work, Disarm needs your support today. Only if President Reagan feels the pressure from the Courts, Congress, and the public will he back off -- and remove his finger from the First Strike trigger.

Disarm's Campaign Against First Strike Weapons is duplicated nowhere else. No single group is attempting a program as far-reaching. No other organization has the legal know-how to get the job done.

Will you help? Your tax-deductible contribution will make a difference. We are solely dependent upon private contributions from concerned individuals who, like you, have a history of commitment. For your convenience I am enclosing a pre-paid envelope. The need is urgent and I hope I can count on your support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michio Kaku



First Strike -- A Scenario

- Opening Seconds**
- Killer satellites destroy the Soviet's early warning system. Nuclear shock wave scrambles Soviet communications system and computer defenses.
- Minute Six**
- Pershing II missiles launched from Europe surgically "decapitates" Soviet command. Retaliation process is confused.
- Minute Fifteen**
- Trident II and MX missiles detonate over the Soviet Union destroying missiles in silos and submarines in port -- preventing retaliation.
- Minute Sixty**
- Surviving Soviet subs are located by satellites and destroyed by killer subs.

Can you believe this? This is President Reagan's First Strike fantasy -- a modern-day High Noon showdown utilizing all the cowboy's skills: quick draw, pin-point accuracy, and shooting the enemy's gun right out of his holster.

But it can't work. All First Strike strategy does is make U.S.-Soviet relations more strained, more volatile. Both sides must keep their finger on the trigger and as a result, computer error or malfunction makes the whole nightmare all too possible.

Help Disarm's Campaign Against First Strike Weapons put an end to this madness. We have a systematic program but need your urgent support. Please read the enclosed letter carefully.

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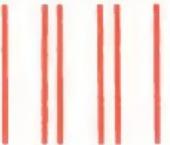
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